

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. Method for representing business processes, comprising the steps of:
 - defining each of a plurality of processes as a 3-tuple including a noun, a verb and an attribute; and
 - displaying a selected process as a point in navigation space.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - displaying selection lists, including a noun selection list, a verb selection list and an attribute selection list;
 - responsive to user selection of a 3-tuple including noun, a verb and an attribute from said selection lists, highlighting the point in navigation space corresponding to said 3-tuple.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2 responsive to user selection of a zoom in action in
3 connection with a selected process point, determining
4 if said selected process point is zoomable; and, if so

5 highlighting in a new navigation space the process
6 points referenced by selected process point
7 definitions.

1 4. The method of claim 3; further comprising the steps of:

2 responsive to user selection of a zoom out action in
3 connection with a selected process point, determining
4 if said selected process point is zoomable; and, if so

5 highlighting in a new navigation space the zoomed to
6 process point.

1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

2 responsive to user selection of a create process
3 action, accepting and storing a 3-tuple and process
4 definition.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:

2 responsive to user selection of a process edit action
3 in connection with a selected process, displaying the
4 process definition corresponding to said selected
5 process for editing by said user.

1 7. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:

2 responsive to user selection of a run process action in
3 connection with a selected process, executing said
4 process.

1 8. The method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

2 responsive to user selection of a zoom operation with
3 respect to a first process displayed in a first navigation
4 space in a first window, opening a second window to display
5 the zoomed to process space in a second navigation space,
6 and highlighting said first process point in said first
7 window.

1 9. System for representing business processes, comprising:

2 a store containing for each of a plurality of processes
3 a 3-tuple including a noun, a verb and an attribute;
4 and

5 a display operable to display a selected process as a
6 point in navigation space.

1 10. A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
3 machine to perform method steps for representing business
4 processes, said method steps comprising:

5 defining each of a plurality of processes as a 3-tuple
6 including a noun, a verb and an attribute; and

7 displaying a selected process as a point in navigation
8 space.

1 11. An article of manufacture comprising:

2 a computer usable medium having computer readable
3 program code means embodied therein for displaying
4 representations of business processes, the computer
5 readable program means in said article of manufacture
6 comprising:

7 computer readable program code means for causing a
8 computer to effect defining each of a plurality of

9 processes as a 3-tuple including a noun, a verb and an
10 attribute; and

11 computer readable program code means for causing a
12 computer to effect displaying a selected process as a
13 point in navigation space.